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Becky Wylie image



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Contact Mary **Sturdevant**, GOAS Membership Chair with questions, or Jim **Fossard**, Secretary, if you want to receive the newsletter by mail.

FROM ANN'S AERIE

Ann Liles, GOAS Chapter President

In my first column as new President I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our board members, those newly elected and those recently departed, for their service, while Ruth Grant transitions to her board post as Immediate Past President. I'd especially like to thank her for the wonderful job she did, and all the hard work and time she dedicated to GOAS. I know that while some are leaving the board or changing roles, all of these individuals will continue to be very active in GOAS. We'll give Emily a pass for a few years while her hands are full with college activities.

I think it's also appropriate at the start of a new year to look back over the year just ended and toot our own horn a bit. We have a vibrant Field Trip Schedule. We've had good attendance at most outings, in fact our opening field trip for this fall boasted 45 people. We continue to take care of a portion of South Creek in Springfield. Be sure to check the field trip schedule for workdays and come out to help. We continue to participate in the Adopt-A-Street Program on a portion of Jefferson. We have a trail and bubbler at Close Park. We maintain several Bluebird trails around the area. We have wonderful speakers for the monthly meetings. The lineup for this year is great; you don't want to miss them, especially this month's program with **Becky Wylie**. Her image of a Green-tailed Towhee appears at the top left of this page! Finally GLADE completed its 7th year. What a fabulous opportunity

for the attendees, our organization and our community as a whole. GLADE has fostered over 100 budding conservationists and been instrumental in community conservation projects. We are fortunate that our board and many others are highly committed to this program through ongoing fund raising and year round publicity support efforts.

I've just touched a few of the things GOAS continues to be involved in. If you led or participated in any of the activities listed or other initiatives for GOAS, **Thank You**. If you wish to volunteer to help with one of these projects in the coming year please contact either the Chair of that activity or any board member. Also if you have a project you would like us to consider or just wish to sit in, our board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month and open to all members.

We have an active, fiscally sound and growing organization. I'm honored to be a part of GOAS and to serve as President. I look forward to an exciting year and hope to see you at a meeting, field trip or other activity in the near future.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th

7:00 p.m. Environmental Resource Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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OCTOBER OPTIONS & USEFUL INFO

- **South Creek Volunteer Clean-Up Day:** October 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Join us [here](#).
- **Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Road Trip:** October 23-25. Shorebirds, Waders, Sandhill Cranes, and hopefully Whooping Cranes. A block of motel rooms have been reserved; participants arrange own carpools and accommodations. Plan to have cars packed and ready to go at 7:00 am, leaving no unattended cars at the [meeting](#) spot. Contact [Ruth Grant](#) for more information, or if you have questions.
- **Birding 101 Fall/Winter Sparrow Species Identification Workshop:** November 6 and 7. Brush up on ID Friday, 7-9 pm, at the Springfield Conservation [Nature](#) Center. Then on Saturday, 8 am-2 pm, try out your new skills. [Meet](#) to carpool, bring lunch, drinks, and snacks, and anticipate moderate hiking.
- **Owl Prowl and Hot Chocolate Social,** Saturday November 14, 6-8 pm. [Meet](#) at the Wal-Mart, Sunshine and West Bypass to carpool. Four owl species are possible: Screech, Barred, Great Horned, and maybe Barn.
- **Did you know that Greg Samuel,** chapter Bird Recorder and Field Trip Chair has recently updated the GOAS checklists, available in two formats? Print yours now! [Letter-sized](#) and [Legal-sized](#) checklists—Or log into [eBird](#) to record your sightings.

Becky Wylie shares her images and story of *Adventures in Yellowstone*. L-R: A female Red-breasted Nuthatch tops a conifer, while an impressive male moose scans a shoreline.



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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Becky Wylie, long-time volunteer for the Wildcat Glades Audubon Center, and acclaimed photographer, will present *Adventures in Yellowstone*, at our October meeting.

Over the last six years she and her husband have been lucky enough to visit Yellowstone eight times! They have experienced some special encounters while at their favorite national park.

Becky relates, "I have always loved nature. When I got my first digital camera in December of 2002 it opened up a world of possibilities in capturing the natural world I loved. I especially enjoy sharing nature with others." Her images have been published in the MDC Natural Events calendar over the last three years, and she will have five photos in the 2016 calendar. National Audubon has shared Becky's photos several times on the NAS Facebook page, circulating globally. And, Her story was recently featured in Joplin area KSN.16TV's, [Brad's Beat](#). It's a nice portrayal of her passion.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday, October 15th for refreshments and to socialize. The program will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65).

Ruth Grant, Program Chair